



Subject: Year 2 MAST Through-Year Pilot: Important Updates and Next Steps
9.15.23 Weekly MAST Newsletter

Live Q&A/Training Sessions

Live training and Q&A sessions will continue throughout the administration year. We will send out training dates and Zoom links as they become available. Our first session will be hosted by our testing partner, New Meridian.

MAST Program and Product Design Live Q&A Session

Date: September 19, 2023

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Zoom Link: [<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81339577801> [us06web.zoom.us]

Curriculum Alignment Survey

Curriculum Alignment Surveys were sent to District STCs a couple of weeks ago with a due date of **September 15th**. If your STC has not received this survey, please check your spam/junk folders to ensure that security systems did not misdirect the incoming email from our test vendor, New Meridian. If you have not completed this Curriculum Alignment Survey, please reach out to the OPI, and we can provide assistance.

Educator Cadre Recruitment

Educator Item Writing and Review Cadres: If you're interested in contributing to the development and review of MAST test items, please pass along this information to your teachers and share this link to our [SY23-24 MAST Educator Cadre Recruitment](#) form. Recruitment will close on **September 22, 2023**.

MAST Math Testlet Design

Our testing partner, New Meridian, has released a document sharing what standards will be covered in each math testlet—[MAST Math Testlet Design](#). ELA Testlet Design coming soon.

Student Portal Install Guides

Technology Coordinators: We strongly recommend having the secure browser installed by October 16th.

New Pilot Participants: Install the Kite Student Portal application on all testing devices using the download and install manuals on the OPI MAST webpage. Ensure that the Kite domain is whitelisted.

Returning Pilot Participants: There are no changes to the Kite Student Portal application for the 2024 school year. Simply ensure that the application is still installed on testing devices. If it's not, you can download and install it using the [Tips for Install](#) sheet. Also, verify network settings and whitelist the Kite domain if needed.



Install Guides:

[Student Portal Installation Guide - Windows](#)

[Student Portal Installation Guide - Mac](#)

[Student Portal Installation Guide - Chromebook](#)

[Student Portal Installation Guide - iPad](#)

Accessing Student Reports for Y1 MAST Participating Schools

Y1 MAST Participating Districts have access to last year's student reports through the Kite Platform. Users with the District Testing Coordinator roles can use the same login credentials that were used during the previous year to access these reports. If you encounter any difficulties while trying to access the student reports, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kite Support using the contact information provided below. Use this link to access the [Kite - Educator Portal \(kiteaai.org\)](http://kiteaai.org) and student reports.

Kite Support

The Kite Service Desk is here to assist you with any questions related to the processes mentioned above or any other Kite-related inquiries. You can reach the Kite Service Desk as follows:

- Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST
- Phone: (855) 277-9752
- Email: Kite-support@ku.edu

Testing Windows and Testlet Information

Each standard testlet is expected to be completed in under 30 minutes (*likely less time but no more than*) with most students being able to complete two testlets within a 45-minute window. The ELA PT (*exclusively administered in the 4th OPI window*) is expected to be completed in less than 45 minutes. The number of Math testlets scheduled throughout the five testing windows will vary for each school district based on your curriculum and pacing.

ELA Assessment Components:

- Six (6) Standard Testlets
- One (1) Performance Task (*administered exclusively in the 4th testing window*)

Math Assessment Components:

- Twelve (12) Standard Testlets
- One (1) Math Anchor (*referred to as T13*)

Testing Window 1: 10/23 - 11/10 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)

Testing Window 2: 11/27 - 12/15 (*only Math testlets delivered*)

Testing Window 3: 1/29 - 2/16 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)

Testing Window 4: 3/11 - 4/5 (*Math and only ELA Performance Task delivered*)

Testing Window 5: 4/15 - 5/10 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)

On the Horizon

Student enrollment and rostering: The OPI will commence student enrollment into the Kite platform shortly after the official student count date in the first week of October. Subsequently, System Testing Coordinators (STCs) will have their accounts updated, enabling them to begin rostering students to their respective teachers in preparation for the first testing window on October 23, 2023. Further communication from the OPI will be shared in the weekly MAST Newsletter, outlining the next steps following student enrollment into the Kite platform.

Thank you for your dedication and participation in this important initiative. Resources and updates can be found on the [OPI MAST Webpage](#) and in the monthly [OPI Compass](#) under

MAST updates. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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